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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Office of Congressional Affairs

FROM:

Chief, Central America  
Branch, Office of African and Latin  
American Analysis

SUBJECT:

Secure Telephone Briefing for SSCI Staffer

1. At 1135 hrs., 26 February, I gave a ten-minute briefing on developments in Panama over the secure telephone for Marvin Ott, a staffer on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, at OCA's request.

2. The discussion on President Delvalle's removal and the naming of Solis Palma as the new President of Panama was based on unclassified press reporting. My comments that military intimidation was likely to deter the opposition from mounting major demonstrations and that the regime would try to organize pro-Noriega rallies were also unclassified.

3. Mr. Ott said he understood the classification limits.

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